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Lent's Basic Training

By Philemon F. Sturges, Jr.

Rector, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields

Perhaps this year we as Christians need to keep Lent as we have not needed to in a long time. In a sense the war years were a continuing Lent, even if not a Christian Lent. Certainly we were all using "such abstinence" that released our energies as a nation for the accomplishment of the one consuming purpose. For the sake of the Fatherland, we went without all the extras that we had come to count on to make our life comfortable, and for the most part we went without them gladly. For the sake of our country we performed "devotions" and "good works" of a nature that few if any of us would have dreamed of doing without the spur of our country's need, all the way from singing the "Star Spangled Banner" before the start of the theatre to cleaning bedpans in a hospital. And through it all, in spite of weariness and anxiety, we had a sense of the worthwhileness of what we were doing, we were upheld by a sense that we were a part of a great company of all sorts and conditions of men united in the doing of great things. We lived with a vitality that we had not known before.

Pause for Spiritual Refreshment

Since the fourteenth of August, most of that has been swept away; the reaction from our unaccustomed efforts and unceasing anxiety for loved ones in danger, has set in, and the unifying need of winning the war has been supplanted by a thou-

sand clamoring and competing calls for our interest and attention, from our personal need for a vacation or a party, to the needs of the destitute in France. So we are about due for a time when we can stop and look at ourselves, or better, let God look at us, and find out as nearly as we can where we are heading and take steps to reform our lives so that we can "live more nearly as we pray." That I take it is the main point and purpose of Lent.

Perhaps one of the chief lessons that the war might have taught us as individuals is that only as we submit to a discipline can we accomplish any great purpose—"Obedience to Law is Liberty." We were able to accomplish great things for our country only when we were able to give up indulging ourselves and saying "yes" to every passing fancy. As Americans we were able to do it to win the war for the United Nations, as Christians can we do less

to win the world for Christ? But too often we relegate our Christian duties to a dependence upon convenience and feeling. Would an air-raid warden turn out when the siren went off only if he felt like it or if he wasn't engaged in a more interesting occupation?

Subtle Betrayal of Purpose

Lent is an ideal time for starting such a discipline and its six weeks should so prove its value that we would continue in it as a natural part of our lives. But the difficulty with most of the disciplines that we take on as a part of our Lenten observance is that they are self-imposed, and, for most of us, seem artificial, kept without much sense of their value, or of their reality beyond the social pressure that "it is the thing to do." There is no sense of urgency behind them such as gave reality to ration books and Red Cross work. It is easy for us to agree intellectually that the warfare that the Church is waging against the world, the flesh, and the devil is as real as the war against the Axis powers, or that the need of the world today to establish the Peace is as desperate as it was a year ago for us to win the War, and that the Church should be the leading agency in seeing that that Peace is built upon foundations well and truly laid. But we don't really believe any more in that superstition of our grandfathers, the devil; and the flesh is very insistent; and if, as our par-

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY MASS MEETING

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**Friday Evening, March 22nd
at 8 P. M.
in Holy Trinity Church**

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**Speaker:
THE REV. FRANCIS WEI
of China**

son tells us, it is part of God's creation and therefore good, why shouldn't we heed it? And the world is a very pleasant place for most of us, and we don't quite see where we ought to fight against it. When it comes to the establishment of the Peace, what can I, one unimportant individual, do that will affect the decisions of the Assembly of the UNO? And so we speak the tremendous words "I believe in God the Father Almighty," "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done," "Here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Thee," Sunday after Sunday, and then go on about the routine of our own petty concerns.

A Question of Values

To those who take Lent seriously, it poses and demands an answer to the question whether we hold more important our own happiness, comfort and security—which are the natural aims of man—or the good of our world and the fulfillment of God's purpose,—which are the aims of the Church, of the converted Christian, the redeemed as against the natural man. They are aims that call for a degree of insight and imagination that most of us, left to ourselves, never attain to, yet which are essential if our world, our civilization is not to follow the road to the destruction and annihilation that has been the fate of every civilization that has preceded it on this earth. If the latter be our answer then Lent is as it were a period of basic training for the warfare that alone can accomplish those ends.

In the Collect for Quinquagesima we ask God to "send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee." That is, as it were, the prerequisite for the keeping of Lent as for the whole of the Christian life. Without that gift and that Spirit we forever lack the imagination and the insight to see how the Devil uses our pride and self importance to stultify our best efforts. What parish is there that does not have at least one member of real abilities and desire to be of service, who cannot be used because he or she simply cannot work with other people? Nor, without that Spirit, can we see the effect of the influence of little me upon the

course of history, though it is obvious that you cannot expect a government to act on a higher moral standard than the general average of its citizens. If I have given my promise to carry out some project for my club or guild, and fail to take any interest in it, can you blame my nation for not fulfilling its pledged word. My willingness to "stand for the hard right against the easy wrong"; my readiness to rebuke the constantly recurring "smears" against a person, a class, or a race, that grow out of sheer prejudice and have no foundation in fact, and that form so large a part of many a conversation; my willingness to go to the assistance of the "underdog" at a real cost to myself, my refusal to take unfair advantage of another's carelessness or mistake; the list could go on indefinitely. It is through such indications as these of the sort of person a person is, that his influence spreads out through the group in which he lives and inevitably raises its moral standards until the life of the whole nation rises with it. It is thus that we "show the Christ and make Him known."

In a very real sense the traditional disciplines of Lent are means, not ends in themselves. Church-going, prayer, fasting, alms-giving are habits to be inculcated that through them there may grow in us the Character of Christ. They are our "basic training" in the Christian army to arm us "that we may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight manfully under his banner against sin, the world and the devil, and remain Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end."

CHILD CARE

The combined service of the House of the Holy Child and the House of St. Michael and All Angels for colored children is indicated in a recent annual report, as follows: Began the year with 264 children in care, accepted 97 during year, used 12 foster homes, placed 361 children in foster homes, gave 95,942 days' care to children, discharged 84 children, ended year with 277 in care. Gave counsel and advice to 41 families whose children were not placed; 5,208 days' care given to crippled or convalescent children; 83 troubled adolescents supervised. The budget for all this work was \$121,287.28.

TEMPLE EPISCOPALIAN

Church students at Temple University issue a paper called *The Temple Episcopalian* for recording their activities, and distributed free to students in mimeographed form. The staff of the paper includes: Jack Murray, Managing Editor; Allen Whartenby, Art Editor; Harry Barbin, Circulation; David Hilsee, Printer's Devil. The Executive Committee: David Hilsee, Allen Whartenby, Jack Murray, Lucy Gureghian, Ruth Whitlock, Marcia Potts and Harry Barbin.

MEMORIAL GIFTS AND IMPROVEMENTS



St. Peter's Church, Weldon

A baptismal font of Indiana limestone has been given to St. Peter's Church, Weldon, by Mrs. John Armstrong in memory of her husband, John Armstrong. Mr. Robert H. Field has presented to the same parish a carved oak lectern in memory of his wife, Elsie S. Field.

Advent, Kennett Square

New memorial gifts recently received at the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square: Processional Cross, given by Frank and Margery Seel, in memory of Samuel Seel; two imported glass cruets and a silver ciborium, given by Ruth Elizabeth Street, in memory of her parents, Silas Boot Street, Sr., and Anna Lydia Street; two brass altar vases, given by Florence P. Holding, Margaret P. Mendinhal, and William

D. Polk, in memory of their parents, William Wellington Polk and Lucy Bond Polk.

St. Aidan's, Cheltenham

In St. Aidan's Chapel, Cheltenham, there have recently been received the following gifts for the embellishment of the church: Pulpit, given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wells, in memory of Arthur Wells, Jr.; Rood Screen, made possible by the "Twentieth Anniversary Fund"; paved floor, given by Mrs. Dyott and Miss Fawell, in memory of Arthur Fawell, Laura Smith Fawell and Florence Smith Wheatley; Altar Cross, given by Mrs. J. Ellsworth Miller, in memory of Elmer Ellsworth Miller.

Chapel of the Holy Communion

Two sets of Communion Linens were recently consecrated at the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, the gift of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Chancel Guild of the Chapel. At the same time a pair of brass flower vases were consecrated in memory of Mary A. Huff, given by her family.

City Mission Chapel

An Altar Cloth made and given by Mrs. Catherine Dana, in memory of the Rev. Clarence Herbert Reese, former Rector of St. Matthew's Church, was dedicated for use in the Chapel of the City Mission on St. Paul's Day, January 25th, by the Rev. James M. Collins, Superintendent.

Trinity Church, Ambler

On the second Sunday after the Epiphany the Chapel of St. John the Baptist, in Trinity Church, Ambler, was used for the first time. It is located in a recess at the left of the choir. The place of a reredos is taken by an arched window showing the figures of two adoring angels. The altar stone, consecrated by Bishop Hart, is a twelve-inch square of marble. When not in use the chapel is closed off from the remainder of the church by a double gate. Expenses incurred in its erection were met by individual gifts by interested persons.

Trinity, Swarthmore

A new window, depicting the healing powers of Christ, was dedicated at Trinity Church, Swarthmore, on February 10th. It is the gift of Mrs. Ernest Werner and Mrs. Ray H. Fellows.

Bishop Hart's Message



In a recent issue of *The Living Church*, a writer suggested that in the northern part of the United States we might observe the period from Easter to Whitsunday instead of Lent. The weather doesn't seem to be a very good reason for making such a change but there might be other and much better reasons for so doing.

Lent suffers, as does all our Church life, from an excessive individualism. A Christian, in the New Testament sense, means a member of a fellowship; one who shares in its life, bears its burdens, contributes to its well being. St. Paul felt it so keenly that he wrote, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren."

Lent should be a season for corporate action. We should have foremost in our thoughts the fellowship of believers. Lent can readily become a pious sham if we think of it primarily in terms of a few extra religious observances. I can well imagine a case where a man might accept a responsibility in a parish and thereby do more—both for himself and the Church—than he would do by attending one extra service. Start this Lent by asking, "How can my parish become a more effective force for Christ?" Immediately you will want to pray about it and you cannot ask God for it unless you are

willing to be His agent in accomplishing it. Nowhere in the New Testament is it stated that prayer is a substitute for effort of mind and body. Will your parish be a stronger parish for your Lenten observance or will Lent be only a sort of religious spree for you?

Will your fasting be limited to giving up meat? One man wrote me last year, "With fish so fresh and cheap, this ruling does but add variety to my fare and allows a slight saving in my budget." Will you give up smoking? If so, don't do it at the expense of the dispositions of the rest of the family. Rather seek out the hindrances and obstacles to spiritual progress and give up whatever hinders the Holy Spirit. Adopt a rule for fasting which will make you more thoughtful, more gracious, more kind.

When we begin to think of Lent as a season of special opportunity, we see that there might be a gain in observing the Great Fifty Days from Easter to Whitsunday rather than the Forty Days of Lent. Perhaps we should alternate their observance! At least, this is true—it is much harder to prepare for Whitsunday in an individualistic way than it is to prepare for Easter. Some people are satisfied with Easter if the church is decorated, the choir sings a special anthem and the usual large congregation is present. Think out the way in which you would prepare a congregation for Whitsunday. Obviously the only way in which you can do it is to prepare their hearts and minds so that they will be all with one accord in one place waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Whenever that condition exists in a parish, the Holy Spirit does come with great power. Nothing happens in some parishes because the congregation doesn't expect anything to happen and would be unhappy if it did. In making your plans for this Lent, think first of the whole fellowship.

Oliver Johnston

Noonday Lenten Services

Following a well-established Philadelphia tradition, opportunity for business people and shoppers to attend services on week-days in the middle of the day will be available again this year. Local clergymen, as well as many from distant places, will be included among the special preachers.



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH Tenth above Chestnut Street

12:30 to 12:55

- Ash Wednesday, March 6:
The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D.,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.
- Thursday, March 7:
The Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, D.D.,
Rector of Calvary Church, New York.
- Friday, March 8:
The Rev. John Robbins Hart, Ph.D.,
Rector, Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge.
- Saturday, March 9:
The Rev. William D. Dunphy, Ph.D.,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Phila.;
Chaplain, Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
- March 11-15:
The Rev. Michael Coleman, D.D., Act-
ing Vicar, All Hallows, London, during
blitz.
- Saturday, March 16:
The Rev. Leonard Rasmusson, Rector,
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.
- March 18-22:
The Rt. Rev. J. Thomas Heistand, D.D.,
Bishop of Harrisburg.
- Saturday, March 23:
The Rev. William H. Aulenbach, Christ
Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.
- March 25-29:
The Rev. Clarence W. Brickman, Na-
tional Chaplain of the Brotherhood of
St. Andrew.
- Saturday, March 30:
The Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, Jr., Rec-
tor, St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Phila.
- April 1-5:
The Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D.,
Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Saturday, April 6:
The Rev. Thomas S. Logan, Calvary,
Northern Liberties.
- April 8-12:
The Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D.,
Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, O.
- Saturday, April 13:
The Rev. Arthur Murray, Rector of the
Church of the Resurrection, Phila.
- April 15-18:
The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams, D.D.,
Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. J.
- Good Friday, April 19:
The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington,
D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.
- Saturday, April 20:
The Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D., Rector,
St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

CHRIST CHURCH Second above Market Street 12:25 to 12:50

- Ash Wednesday, March 6:
The Rector.
- March 7-8:
The Rev. S. Tagart Steele, D.D., St.
Luke's Church, Germantown.
- March 9 and every Saturday:
The Rev. Carl J. Webb.
- March 11 and every Monday:
The Rector.
- March 12-15:
The Rev. Reuel L. Howe, S.T.D., Vir-
ginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria.
- March 19-20:
The Rev. W. Sherman Skinner, D.D.,
First Presbyterian Church, Germantown.
- March 21:
The Rev. Paul W. Hoon, D.D., First
Methodist Church, Germantown.
- March 22:
The Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, D.D.,
Bishop of Bethlehem.
- March 26-27:
The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington,
D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.
- March 28-29:
The Rt. Rev. Theodore R. Ludlow,
D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Newark.
- April 2-3:
The Very Rev. Robert Hatch, Dean,
St. John's Cathedral, Wilmington, Del.
- April 4-5:
The Rt. Rev. Arthur R. McKinstry,
D.D., Bishop of Delaware.
- April 9-10:
The Rev. Charles F. Ehly, Church of
the Incarnation, Drexel Hill.
- April 11-12:
The Rev. Joseph H. Titus, Grace
Church, Jamaica, New York.
- April 15-18:
The Rev. J. Clemens Kolb, S.T.D.,
Chaplain, University of Pennsylvania.
- April 19 (Good Friday):
10:30 A. M.—The Rev. Carl J. Webb.
Three-Hour Service—The Rector.
- April 21 (Easter):
The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington,
D.D., will administer Confirmation at
10 A. M. and preach at 11 A. M.



ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FRANKFORD 4442 Frankford Avenue

- Fridays at 12:05 during Lent services will
be held in St. Mark's Church, with
preachers listed below. For the con-
venience of those who desire it, the
Woman's Auxiliary serves luncheon in
the Parish House.
- March 8:
The Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, St.
Mary's Church, Ardmore, Pa.
- March 15:
The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D.,
Bishop, Diocese of Pennsylvania.
- March 22:
The Rt. Rev. Alfred L. Banyard, D.D.,
Suffragan Bishop of New Jersey.
- March 29:
The Rev. Crosswell McBee, D.D., Rec-
tor Emeritus, Church of St. David,
Radnor, Pa.

- April 5:
The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams,
D.D., Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Tren-
ton, N. J.
- April 12:
The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington,
D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.
- April 19:
The Rev. Henri Pickens, Diocese of
Anking, China.

A SCHOOL OF RELIGION

- St. Mark's will also feature "A School of
Religion" in the Parish House on Wed-
nesday evenings in Lent, beginning at
8 o'clock. The general theme will be
"The Doctrines of the Creed and You."
The specific topics and speakers for
each date are as follows:
- Wednesday, March 13:
Doctrine of God
The Rev. Percy L. Urban, S.T.D., Pro-
fessor of Theology, Berkely and Phila-
delphia Divinity Schools.
- Wednesday, March 20:
Doctrine of the Incarnation
Speaker to be announced.
- Wednesday, March 27:
Doctrine of the Atonement
The Rev. Ralph A. Coonrad, St. John
the Baptist Church, Germantown.
- Wednesday, April 3:
Doctrine of the Resurrection
The Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, St. Peter's
Church.
- Wednesday, April 10:
Doctrine of the Church
The Rev. William H. Dunphy, Ph.D.,
S.T.D., St. Mark's Church, Phila.



GLORIA DEI (OLD SWEDES') CHURCH Delaware Avenue and Christian Street From 12:30 to 12:55

- Wednesday, March 6:
The Rev. John Craig Roak.
- Thursday, March 7:
The Rev. Gideon Montgomery.
- Friday, March 8:
The Rev. Thomas Parker.
- Monday, March 11:
The Rev. John L. Saunders.
- Tuesday, March 12:
The Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg.
- Wednesday, March 13:
The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling.
- Thursday, March 14:
The Rev. Vincent F. Pottle.
- Friday, March 15:
The Rev. Thomas Burgess.
- Monday, March 18:
The Rev. Aaron Manderbach.
- Tuesday, March 19:
The Rev. Frank W. Bonyng.
- Wednesday, March 20:
The Rev. Melville Gurley.
- Thursday, March 21:
The Rev. Lars R. Bache-Wiig.
- Friday, March 22:
The Rev. John Howard Lever.
- Monday, March 25:
The Rev. Albert Ormsby Judd.
- Tuesday, March 26:
The Rev. Charles Bratton Dubell.
- Wednesday, March 27:
The Rev. George Condit.
- Thursday, March 28:
The Rev. Frederick B. Halsey.
- Friday, March 29:
The Rev. John Ward Smith.

Monday, April 1:
The Rev. Roderick Pierce.
Tuesday, April 2:
The Rev. B. Janney Rudderow.
Wednesday, April 3:
The Rev. Charles F. Ehly.
Thursday, April 4:
The Rev. Louis E. Fifer.
Friday, April 5:
The Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather.
Monday, April 8:
The Rev. John E. Hill.
Tuesday, April 9:
The Rev. John Philip McGarvey.
Wednesday, April 10:
The Rev. John M. Groton, D.D.
Thursday, April 11:
The Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D.
Friday, April 12:
The Rev. Nevil Lascelles Ward.
Monday, April 15:
The Rev. Frank Damrosch, Jr.
Tuesday, April 16:
The Rev. Ralston McKean.
Wednesday, April 17:
The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves.
Thursday, April 18:
The Rev. Allen Evans, D.D.
Friday, April 19:
The Rector.



ST. MARK'S CHURCH

1625 Locust Street

Lenten services at St. Mark's Church will be as follows:

Sundays:

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 9 A. M.; Matins, 10:30; Solemn High Eucharist and Sermon, 11; Evensong and Address, 4 P. M.

Weekdays:

Holy Eucharist, 7 (except Saturday), 7:45 A. M., 12:10; Holy Days and Thursdays, 9:30; Matins, 7:30; Address, 12:30, Wednesdays and Fridays.

School of Religion and other services to be announced.

Attention is particularly called to the noon-day Eucharist and Address.

Speakers Wednesday and Friday evenings:

March 6 and 8:

The Rev. William H. Dunphy, Ph.D., Rector of St. Mark's.

March 13 and 15:

The Rev. Walter C. Klein, Ph.D., Th.D., Chaplain, U. S. N.

March 20 and 22:

The Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Rector of Grace and St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, Md.

March 27 and 29:

The Rev. William J. Alberts, Rector of Christ Church, Media, Pa.

LENTEN BROADCASTS

The Rev. John K. Shryock is delivering a series of radio addresses during Lent on "The Teaching From the Cross." The addresses are made over WFIL at 1 P. M. on Sundays. The titles are:

March 10—The forgiveness of enemies.
March 17—The reality of repentance.
March 24—Human despair.
March 31—Physical suffering.
April 7—The hour of death.
April 14—The final judgment.

DIVINITY SCHOOL

The mid-winter meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia Divinity School opened at noon on January 22nd with a service in the Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Vincent F. Pottle, acting Dean. The luncheon was held in a nearby hotel, when the Rev. Herbert W. Jones, President of the Association, presided. The principal speaker was the Rev. Percy L. Urban, of the faculty, who spoke on "Theological Education." It was reported that \$26,000 has already been contributed toward the \$32,500 to be raised from the annual canvass for the support of the School.

Two veterans of the recent war are enrolled as students at the School, Sergeant Cecil Cowan, of the Diocese of Oklahoma, and Chaplain Frederick Isacksen, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Evensong is held in the Chapel each Thursday at 5 P. M., when

some member of the faculty gives an instruction on "The Spiritual Life." The public is cordially invited to attend.

During the week of February 4th, Bishop McClelland, of Easton, a graduate of the School, will give a course of lectures on "Rural Church Work."

A Queer Choir

The Church Militant, published in New York, says: "A well-known parish in Philadelphia has a very expensive quartette choir up in the loft in front of the minister. Each member is faultless in singing, for which he receives a handsome salary. When the sermon begins the choir draws a little curtain before them, and play bridge till they are due to sing the doxology; then they sweetly chime in and pour down their harmony on the congregation below."

The General Convention



The Presiding Bishop, Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, has announced that the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, will address

the General Convention of the Church, which opens in Philadelphia, September 10th. The opening meeting will be held in Convention Hall, 34th Street below Spruce. The House of Bishops will meet in Houston Hall; House of Deputies, Irvine Auditorium; Woman's Auxiliary, University of Pennsylvania Museum Hall. Headquarters during the 55th General Convention will be in Houston Hall.

Committees Appointed

The Diocesan Committee on Arrangements for the Convention will be headed by Bishop Hart and Bishop Remington. The other appointments so far announced are as follows:

Honorary Chairman—M. W. Clement, Samuel F. Houston, Hon. George Wharton Pepper, Hon. Owen J. Roberts; *General Chairman*—Dr. Thomas S. Gates; *Vice-Chairmen*—William H. DuBarry, Thomas Hart; *Treasurer*—Frederick R. Drayton; *Secretary*—Rev. Charles H. Long; *Meeting Places*—Sydney E. Martin; *Registration*—Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel; *Hospitality*—C. Jared Ingersoll; *Supplies and Equipment*—John W. Townsend, Jr.; *Hotels and*

Housing—Charles H. Woodward; *Ushers*—Earl Doelling; *Pages*—Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.; *Publicity and Printing*—R. Marshall Truitt; *Transportation*—C. Hamilton Cheston; *Music*—Spencer Ervin; *Historic Places and Institutions*—Herbert Church; *Religious Services*—Rev. Franklin Joiner, D.D.; *Assignment of Speakers*—Rev. Henry S. Paynter.

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Visiting Preachers

Arrangements for guest preachers in the parishes and missions of the Diocese should be made through the Committee on Speakers. The Rev. Henry S. Paynter, Church House, is chairman of this committee. Where preferences are expressed for particular speakers, the committee will try to comply with such requests. The committee should be informed of any arrangements that may have been made directly with the visitors, to avoid conflicts. Early attention to this matter is urgent, as considerable time may be consumed in correspondence incident to completion of assignments.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

On March 10th, the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, Chairman of the Diocesan Committee on Evangelism, will conduct a "Quiet Evening" at St. Andrew's Church, Yardley.

Mrs. Thomas Leslie Gossling, widow of the late Rector of Trinity Church, Buckingham, is now residing at 710 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, Pennsylvania.

The following officers of the choir of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, were recently elected: President, Mrs. H. Hosmer; Vice-President, Mrs. Grace Clayton; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter White; Secretary, Miss Peggy Bullock. Mr. Merton B. Frye is now Choir Director, and Mr. Fred Knapp is Organist.

Good Shepherd Chapter (German-town), Brotherhood of St. Andrew, recently elected the following officers: Director, Benjamin H. Shoemaker, III; Vice Director, James Cox Robb; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles P. F. Bennage.

Bishop Hart instituted the Rev. Louis E. Fifer, III, as Rector of St. Paul's, Aramingo, Wednesday evening, February 20th.

A Rector says: "Why not plan during the Lenten season to do some parish calling? Go out and meet newcomers, and welcome them to the community and the Church."

For the support of a parish this year 609 pledges are made for \$21,262; 202 from men, 437 from women. Seven zone leaders and fifty-six canvassers brought in the pledges.

The Board of Managers of the Seamen's Church Institute has authorized four new rooms as memorials to merchant seamen who gave their lives in the war, to be dedicated during Maritime Week in May.

Two returned service men are actively engaged on the Sunday School teaching staff of St. Paul's, Aramingo. They are the Messrs. David

Clark and Clifford Bless. Miss Mabel Press, a returned WAC, is also on the teaching staff. The Messrs. Thomas Atkiss and Robert Reimers and Miss Gloria Herzog, recently of the United States armed forces, are in the choir.

About one person in four in the State of Pennsylvania is enrolled in some Sunday School. There are 10,783 Sunday Schools of various denominations in the state. The leadership of these schools is in the hands of 189,302 officers and teachers.

The Rev. Walter C. Klein is supplying the services at St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, during the illness of the Rector, the Rev. Walter C. Pugh.

Mrs. Mary L. S. Eavenson, who died January 23rd, left \$13,500 to endow a scholarship fund in memory of her husband, William Jones Eavenson, at the Church Farm School. She also bequeathed \$3,000 to the Seamen's Church Institute in memory of her husband.

Early in 1945 the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, Rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, published a book entitled "Where Are We in Religion?" It received excellent comment throughout the country. Later in the year the author received a request from a banker in Detroit, asking permission to reprint the foreword and the first chapter. Thousands of these little pamphlets were printed, and are being distributed all over the United States, especially to clergymen.

The Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg, Rector of All Saints' Church, Crescentville, has been living with his family in a rented house at 479 E. Sanger Street, Philadelphia. He has been notified that under the order of the O. P. A. he is to be evicted on March 23rd, because the grandson of the owner, a World War service man, is being given the house for occupancy.

The late James Merrick bequeathed \$5,000 to St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, and left the residue of his estate to the Diocese

of Pennsylvania for the establishment of the John Vaughan Merrick Foundation, in memory of his father. The income is to be used for mission stations or small parishes in the Diocese.

The Rev. Charles H. Long, Executive Secretary of the Diocese, officiated at the marriage of his son, the Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., and Miss Nancy Ingham, in Zion Church, Logan, on February 14th.

Mrs. John Blackburn has joined the ranks of teachers in the Sunday School of Calvary Church, Conshohocken.

In a community where the housing shortage is acute, the rector writes in his parish paper: "If there is any available space in your house which other folks could occupy, by all means give the information to one of us at the parish office and we will make it known to the proper authorities."

In 1945, Calvary Church, Conshohocken, spent \$11,394.24 for parish support, and contributed \$10,446.44 for work outside the parish. "This is a noble record," says Bishop Hart.

The children's department of the Home for Consumptives of the City Mission recently was awarded the sum of \$2,000 under the will of the late Mrs. Effingham Perot.

Mrs. David E. Roak, the mother of the Rev. John C. Roak, Rector of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, died on January 16th and was buried from that church on January 19th.

The latest sound motion picture equipment and a modern duplicating machine for parish publicity have recently been acquired by St. Paul's Church, Aramingo.

One of our Church institutions is in need of a medium-sized safe in which to keep books, records, etc. Notify THE CHURCH NEWS if one is available.

Mrs. Anna Ingersoll Smith, who died December 29, 1945, left \$10,000 each to the Episcopal Hospital and the Choir School of St. Peter's Church, and \$1,000 to the Church of St. James the Less.

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Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, Editor

President's Message

It is estimated that thousands of people will die of cold and starvation during this year in war-torn countries. The World Council of Churches' "Material Aid for Europe" is designed to meet this terrible situation and to supplement the UNRRA. What is your parish doing to help? Will you offer to your rector your fullest co-operation, and try to interest and stimulate all parish groups, as well as all those people with whom you come in contact? For further information call the Woman's Auxiliary office, Spruce 6650.

The World Day of Prayer, March 8th, is an opportunity for all women to join in fellowship to thank God for the end of the war, and to pray for peace in the world. Bishop Remington has kindly offered to conduct a service of intercession and meditation for delegates to the five Missionary Committees at Holy Trinity Church, Wednesday, March 13th, at 11:15 A. M. These two days will be a wonderful preparation for Lent.

MARGARET PACKARD.

Department of Missions Now Is the Time

Churches throughout the world are experiencing a vigorous upsurge of life and activity since the end of the war. A glorious record has been made by native Christians, and by enemies who considered their Christian loyalties above allegiance to country. At the risk of their own lives, they saved many Americans. This is not a matter of emotion, but of Christian realism. Throughout the grim days of long war years we had a great concern for the young native churches in the East, and across the lines of national enmities our hearts went out to our Christian brethren in enemy lands. We prayed for them.

Bishop Sherrill, after his recent visit to Germany, reports that the Protestant churches, comprising about 60% of the population, have banded together in a nation-wide federation: the Evangelical Church in Germany. There is good leadership and a remarkable response from the people.

Christians in Japan are rejoicing that among the war criminals, not a single Christian in good standing is involved. Already the Episcopal Church there has reorganized and has launched a fund-raising campaign for reconstruction and rehabilitation of churches and institutions. They will need our help. In China the Christians gave stalwart leadership. The Chinese Church has suffered great losses; but with courage and confidence looks forward to rebuilding. Most of our work in the Philippines was totally destroyed. Our Bishop and Missionaries, with their people, suffered inhumanly in internment, but their spirits are undaunted as they plan for the future.

Have you read "They Found the Church There"? Many of our boys first learned the meaning of "foreign missions" on some small island

WOMEN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Sponsored by the Department of Missions, Bishop Remington will conduct a Lenten Devotional Service in Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, March 13th, at 11:15 A. M., lasting one hour. This service is intended for women throughout the Diocese. Let us do everything we can to have a large attendance.

in the Pacific. Returning from service, well may they, in the words of Richardson Wright, ask us to "re-light the flame in America." Mr. Wright says: "It is futile to contemplate the fallen-down bricks left by this war and say that we will rebuild the world with hewn stones, unless we, ourselves, are those hewn stones." Kagawa tells us that the war is over; that we must forgive each other, and repent. Forgiveness is the heart of the teaching of Jesus. He says that the heart is the atomic bomb.

Now is the time! The Church has unparalleled opportunities. We in America are unscathed, have not suffered privation, and are abundantly rich. What a challenge! As we respond gladly and with thankful hearts to help the Church overseas, let us try to make our own country more truly a Christian nation.

The Department of Missions of the Woman's Auxiliary is made up of the chairman of each of the five missionary committees, and six other women. It exists to further interest in and support of missions. We will be glad to help the parishes in every way we can. There is no more thrilling work than to carry out the command of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world." . . . "Of one blood all nations of men." Pray fervently, labor diligently, give liberally.

Parish Prayer Group

A Prayer Group at Calvary Church, Germantown, was started soon after one of its members attended her first Retreat. At its close the conductor stated that what had been received should be shared with others. For seven years we have come together for prayer one Thursday morning each month in the church, immediately after the regular Holy Communion service. We never have put any emphasis on attendance, as we want it to be really voluntary, and our group varies from 10 to 16. It is encouraging to note that those who came in the beginning continue to attend. We have been fortunate in having the wholehearted support and encouragement of our Rector.

Corporate Communion

On Monday, March 25th, at 8:30 A. M., the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese will sponsor a Corporate Communion in Christ Church, Second Street above Market, with Bishop Remington as the celebrant. Breakfast will follow immediately after the service, to which all are invited. We expect to have an outstanding speaker, who will give a real message, full of meaning, and of practical use to us all in our everyday life. The president of each unit is asked to come and bring some of her members to be spiritually benefited by this experience.

Lent at St. Margaret's House

A Lenten Quiet Day will be conducted by the Rev. William H. Dunphy on Tuesday, March 19th, at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue. Holy Eucharist, 8:30 A. M.; Meditations, 10:15, 12:00, 2:00; closing, 3:15. Two Lenten Quiet Evenings, from 4:30 to 9:00, Saturday, April 6th, the Rev. Peter Vander Hiel, and Saturday, April 13th, the Rev. Vincent F. Pottle. Please register well in advance with Sister-in-Charge. (Telephone: Victor 4612.)

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LOYALTY . . . TO WHAT?

Deep in the heart of American tradition is grounded respect for individual conscience. From earliest days we are impressed by historians how wave after wave of colonial settlers sought these shores as the haven where worship could be free according to the dictates of individual conscience.

We Episcopalians likewise pay high tribute to the value of letting people largely decide for themselves the type of worship that best expresses their particular convictions. The absolute fundamentals on which we insist are really surprisingly few in number. The rest is left to be shaped by the best each person knows within himself.

Loyalty Beyond Self

But practically every thinking person consciously or unconsciously realizes that for most of his convictions about the serious things of life he must band himself with others like-minded with himself. This is necessary for the development and expression of those things he values and for the preservation and extension of vital convictions. These general principles hold true generally throughout life in business, the professions, social affairs as well as in religious matters, but we limit our thoughts here to religious concerns.

There are some who feel that practically no group loyalty is safe to be entrusted with the eternal values of their conscience. Such persons seek out organizations on the congregational lines such as the Quakers and the Congregationalists. Those at the other extreme, who more or less completely abrogate the rights and duties of individual decision, seek out and attach themselves to an authoritarian organization like

that of the Roman Catholic Church. Here practically nothing is left to individual decision. Decisions are committed to those you trust more than you trust yourself and unquestioning loyalty and obedience is pledged.

Episcopalian Loyalties

Among the few fundamental loyalties expected of Episcopalians are loyalty to the General Convention and its doctrinal and administrative decisions; loyalty to the Prayer Book as the official guide to worship and doctrine, and loyalty to the sacred ministry of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. We believe the essential values of Christianity cannot be preserved apart from these bulwarks of stability. Without them every passing whim or fad becomes reason for forming a new "church" or loyalty group. And we see enough of the evils of division in the shattered fragments of Christ's Church to want no more diversity.

But there can never be complete unanimity of opinion and conviction on all matters in the tremendous field of belief and worship. This is taken into account in the field of worship for instance by the many alternates in prayers, chants, lessons, and so on, provided for in the Morning Prayer service. Not only may either the Apostles or the Nicene Creed be used, but there is a permissible alteration provided for within the Apostles' Creed. The truth of the matter is that the great flexibility within our doctrine, discipline, and worship, has been made the subject of joking remarks that we have no absolute requirements for good standing in that respect.

The requirements, none the less, are too rigid for a great many. The writer is personally acquainted with many persons, both clerical and lay, who are entirely ready to ignore any or all of the rubrics of the Prayer Book or the pronouncements of General Convention when they run counter to their own personal opinion. Such things as consistently leaving out parts of the established and traditional prayers of even the Communion service, disregarding the appointed Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, or completely revising prescribed services according to nothing but personal preference or prejudice, these and like practices strike at the very heart of our belief and worship. They say in effect: "The group to which I have pledged my

loyalty means nothing when it contradicts my opinion." This is not a sound position historically nor an honest one morally.

Proper Flexibility

Changes have been brought about over the centuries in Christian worship and in the general laws of the Church. These stem from some one person's opinion. Gradually such an opinion commends itself to increasingly larger groups until it has gained sufficient force to be presented to the Church as a whole, evaluated, and, if it has genuine merit, incorporated into the life of the whole. Such a change is slow to the point of distressing many dynamic dispositions. But its very slowness is often its greatest asset; the momentary fads of belief or activity that sweep every field of human endeavor rarely live long enough to make any real impression on the church so protected. Those things which seem valuable to one person, area, or group are held up to the light of tradition and the experience of the whole body. The insignificant and the erroneous can then be weeded out without damage.

Those whose faith in the value of this process is so weak that they prefer their own individual opinion and will obey it rather than the considered pronouncements of the body as a whole are morally dishonest when they do not withdraw from the fellowship. They pose as representing the Church, they use its name, its prestige, and its physical equipment when actually they represent nothing but themselves and their own opinion or prejudice. They deceive others in letting them think that they are expounding the Church's teaching and worship when such is not the case.

Of course there are plenty of minutiae in which absolute conformity to every letter of the law need not be insisted upon. But in these matters, conformity would be easily granted if required. It is in those things where conformity would be difficult that we meet the real test. The loyalty of mere convenience can never bind the members of the body of Christ together secure from fads and frauds. We need profound loyalty to that "Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head" for its own sake as the guardian and expression of the best we shall ever know in this life.

A. O. J.

Department of Christian Education



Profiting by Giving

Soon our Church Schools will again be engaged in the gathering of their annual Lenten Offering, and they will be looking to their parents, friends and all their adult companions for interest and encouragement. We hope that their confidence will be well-founded, for the Church School Lenten Offering has become established as the outstanding impact of the Church's missionary work on the consciousness of all Church people, children and adults alike. Beginning in our own Diocese sixty-nine years ago, the Lenten Offering each year has increased in power and in material and spiritual value for the whole Church. Last year the monetary return was more than \$400,000, of which \$53,843 came from our own Diocese—a splendid record for our children to make!

While the financial results of the offering are gratifying, and fill many needs in the Church's work, the educational opportunities of the offering are manifold. Therefore, as we strive each year to surpass our previous record in giving, so also must we endeavor to make each Lent a time when we may teach and learn about some of the specific things which our offering makes possible. An appreciation of *how* our money is used will add tremendously to the spiritual power of the offerings we make.

This Lent the study topic is Africa, and leaders have been provided with material, both from national and diocesan headquarters. Won't you see that this splendid opportunity for missionary education is used in *your* school? This study work is readily obtainable and

interestingly prepared and it should find a place in your school's curriculum. What our Church does in Liberia should be known to all of us, and the work there will serve as an example of our work in other fields also. Knowing about these things should make us all more appreciative of our own place in "the whole state of Christ's Church."

To those who, in the past, have not made use of the Lenten study material, we make no promise of tremendous increases in the size of your offering just because the study topic is used. But certainly what is given will be given with more profit to the givers if we impart a knowledge of the use to which our money is being put. And how many of us, both children and adults, are lacking in specific knowledge of what our Church does outside the limits of our own parish.

How many know, for example, that our Church does anything in Liberia? In fact, there are probably many who have only a vague knowledge of where Liberia is! Who was Dr. Savage? Why did our Church begin work in Liberia? What do you know about Bishop Harris? What goes on at Cape Mount? Where is the Holy Cross mission in Liberia?

Knowing the answers to these questions may not change the course

REMEMBER!

*Presentation of Lenten Offering
Sunday, May 19, at 4 P. M.*

Episcopal Academy

BE PRESENT!

of the life of any individual. Yet it will give that person a keener appreciation of the achievements of his Church and a desire to help in and know more about the work which the Church is doing all over the world.

So, if you have not already done so in the past, begin this Lent, through the study of Africa, to make the Church School Lenten Offering a real means of imparting knowledge of and enthusiasm for what our Church is doing throughout the world. It's a great work! Let's know more about it and take more pride in it!



Department's New Secretary

Miss Beryl Newman takes office March 1st as Field Secretary of the Department of Christian Education, succeeding Miss Frazier.

Church School-by-Mail

The early Apostolic Church pursued her missionary program "beginning at Jerusalem" and from thence to "the uttermost parts of the earth." For ten years now our Church, in line with Apostolic tradition, has been ministering to the children in the Diocese who, because of distance and other reasons, are unable to enjoy regular attendance at Church or Sunday School. The Department of Christian Education, through its Church School-by-Mail Committee and worker, Miss Dorothy Kohl, is reaching these children with regular, graded lessons, Begin-

ners to Senior Departments, so that many, in the words of one little boy, can say, "Now we know more about the Lord Jesus Christ" and have been brought into the full fellowship of the Church.

A review of the Church School-by-Mail program since its inception in March, 1936, reveals steady and sustained growth. The report for the year 1945 shows the following figures: Total on roll during year—332; new children added during year—80; lessons mailed—12,500; letters written—1,796; Christmas gifts mailed—250.

A Missionary Work

Church School-by-Mail families are encouraged to cultivate the habit of Family Prayer and Bible Reading and to attend the nearest church when possible. This ministry by mail brings Christian influence to bear upon the lives of many in isolated places and helps to prepare them for the time when they may be able to associate with a church or mission group.

The Church School-by-Mail is a corporate diocesan undertaking and is an integral part of the diocesan missionary and educational program. This splendid work is supported by means of Three-Dollar Scholarships which provide lessons for a child for one year. Scholarships may be given by church organizations or individuals.

HELEN WASHBURN'S PASSING A GRIEVOUS LOSS

The Department of Christian Education has suffered a grievous loss in the death of Helen Carpenter Washburn, who died January 29, 1946. For many years she had devoted her talents and energies to the cause of Christian Education: as Director of Religious Education at Christ Church, where her father was from 1905 to 1936 Rector of the parish; as Chairman of the Child Study Commission of the National Council, when the Rev. Dr. John W. Suter, Jr., was the Executive Secretary of that Department; as a member of our Diocesan Department of Christian Education, where she turned her special abilities and gifts to the problem of weekday religious education. In addition to these activities, she was one of the guiding spirits of the Blue Mountain Conference and of the Advanced

Conference of the Province of Washington, which has been meeting at Sweet Briar, Va., and is on that account known more familiarly as the Sweet Briar Conference. In 1939 she published *A Church School Looks at Christian Unity*, a seven-week unit of study for Church Schools, which was developed in the Church School of Christ Church during the Epiphany season of 1938.

Those who have had the privilege of being associated with Miss Washburn bear witness to her wide knowledge of the subject and problems of Christian Education. But even more than this, to her rare Christian spirit which made her more concerned for the needs of those who would be served by an educational enterprise than for the mechanics of the thing itself. Unselfish and with a radiant faith, she showed herself always eager to serve every good cause. Many will remember the quick flash of her smile, her gracious interest and enthusiasm when one would talk with her about ideas and problems on a vast number of subjects.

Her last contribution to the work of the Diocesan Department was

perhaps in many ways her greatest. The Rev. Charles Martin, just before he left the Diocese in 1942 to assume the rectorship of St. Paul's Church in Burlington, Vt., asked Miss Washburn to organize the Committee on Weekday Religious Education. She entered upon this task with her customary energy and dispatch, gathering around her a group of people competent to consult with her and develop a strategy and program which would equip the Diocese to meet the opportunities of weekday religious education.

It needs not to be said that we shall miss her, but we know that her spirit lives and still carries on. The inspiration of her accurate knowledge of the many phases of Christian Education, of her uncommon devotion and faith, is remembered by us all with a sense of the privilege it was to have known and worked with her.

We record with deep sorrow her passing from us, and offer our prayer that she may continue and increase, as we are confident she will, in the life of perfect love and service to God in His Heavenly Kingdom.



Girls' Friendly Trailer

This year, the Friendly Trailer will again be the special effort of all the Society. It was paid for and placed in service in 1945 in Michigan, where it carried recreation, books and religious services to the children of the war workers all about Detroit and other centers. For 1946, the Trailer has taken up winter quarters in Horse Creek Valley, an isolated spot in South Carolina. Here, among a group of little mill villages, there are no recreational facilities for children and young people any nearer than seventeen miles except a small Boy Scout organization. With equipment given as the Mission Object

for 1946, the Trailer will bring movies, games, music and worship to those who have never known them before.

Miss A. Adele Leach and Mrs. C. William Spiess have been elected Trustees of the diocesan organization, to serve for two years. Miss Bertha Bennett succeeds Miss M. Atherton Leach as Chairman of the G. F. S. Auxiliary to the Seamen's Church Institute, and Miss Clare Bramwell is the new Vice-President of the Senior Members Club.

The "Night in the Philippines" was a huge success. Held in Holy Trinity Parish House on January 30th, nearly three hundred people

came for supper and the evening's program. The offering for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund amounted to \$1,216.30, with more to be reported. This came from 33 Branches, the Senior Members Club, the Holiday House and individual donors. Offerings ranged from a dollar or two to those from three Branches which presented more than one hundred dollars each. All represented special effort and an equally good response in proportion to the size of group and resources of its membership. Juniors made quite amazing contributions, too. Time has been too short in which to gather details as to interesting ways in which money was raised, but it is hoped to make some report on this next month.

Chaplains Awarded Military Honors

Many Continue to Serve

Chaplains still in the service find that occupational forces and troops awaiting deployment offer continuing challenge for service; and they continue to serve with the same devotion they showed in days of combat, although they are as homesick and lonesome as the men with whom they have marched. When they lay aside their uniforms and return to parish life, they will bring with them a rich experience and a deep understanding of the problems men have faced.

Colonel Percy G. Hall

The Duchess of Luxembourg, through her Minister of Foreign Affairs, has bestowed the "Officer of the Grand Ducal Order of the Oaken Wreath" upon the Rev. Percy G. Hall, S.T.D., a priest of this Diocese. The award reads as follows: "We, Charlotte, by the grace of God, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, Duchess of Nassau, etc., upon the testimony of our Minister of Foreign Affairs, and after deliberation of our Government Council, have been pleased and thought it proper to name Officer of the Grand Ducal Order of the Oaken Wreath, Chaplain (Colonel) Percy G. Hall, H. Q., XII Corps. (Signed) Charlotte."

The XII Corps spear-headed the Third Army in its drive across France, Luxembourg, Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, and Austria. During the Bulge the Corps was ordered from the Saar region to the defense of Luxembourg.

Rev. Clifford E. B. Nobes, speaker of the evening and former Rector of All Saints, Bontoc, told a vivid story of the Church's work in that Mountain Province, and of the labors and sacrifices of the Igorote people when war came to their land. While actual rebuilding of the All Saints center may be delayed for a little while due to inflationary costs, work and worship are being carried on by a native priest in what remains of the Girls' School—so long the special interest of the G. F. S. in this Diocese. Scholarships amounting to \$10,827.00, over the years, helped to educate many a native girl, and six each year are still given as a part of this phase of National G. F. S. service to the Church.

The American Military Cemetery, just outside of Luxembourg City, at Haam, was dedicated by Chaplain Hall. General George Patton was buried in this cemetery.

Chaplain Hall was also awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm by the French Government, and the Bronze Star by our own government. These were all awarded for meritorious service to God and country.

Major William Hugh Fryer

The Rev. William Hugh Fryer, who is now Rector of the Church of the Trinity, Coatesville, was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his work on behalf of army personnel at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, by Col. John R. Fountain, Commanding Officer of the Virginia Staging Area. The commendation reads:

"Major Fryer, as part of his routine duty, has the first impact against problems each day that in the course of civilian life are the rare exceptions. He has demonstrated his fitness for this particular trying assignment by his untiring efforts in behalf of the returning soldier in the hospital and in the camp. He, as liaison between unit chaplains, casual chaplains, and the port chaplain, and in his ministering to the needs of in-transit personnel, has tactfully accepted responsibility for the high mission of religious indoctrination in harmony with the many divergent and similar faiths passing through Camp Patrick Henry. His conduct of religious services, minis-

tering to the sick, wounded, and imprisoned, his gracious correspondence with the kin of his transient parishioners of many faiths, and the manner of his performance in initiating and stimulating morale activities at the camp for the benefit of the men and for the furtherance of governmental ideals, have won for him this certificate of commendation."

Casualties Among Chaplains

Six of the clergy of our Church gave their lives while serving their men on the field of battle: Edward J. Clary, John W. Schwer, Quintin M. Wilder, Barrett L. Tyler, Paschal D. Fowlkes, and Loren L. Stanton. Another, Frederick B. Howden, died while a prisoner of the Japanese. Two others, Harry M. Kellam and Clarence H. Reese, of our Diocese, died while on active duty. Ten Episcopalians were among the chaplains who were reported to have been wounded in action. Fifty-four of our Church chaplains were decorated, receiving sixty-four decorations; three Legion of Merits, seven Silver Star Medals, thirty-four Bronze Star Medals, four with the Oak Leaf Cluster, one Air Medal, sixteen Purple Hearts, one with the Oak Leaf Cluster, and one French Croix de Guerre (the Rev. Percy G. Hall, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania).

EDUCATION WEEK FOR BLIND SETS EPISCOPAL DAY

The women of the Episcopal Church will take part in the observance of the annual Education Week for the Blind in the auditorium on the fifth floor of the Gimbel Store. Monday, March 4th, is to be known as "Episcopal Day." One may arrive at 10 A. M., stay for lunch (at a charge of 50c), visit the many booths displaying for sale the amazing work done by the blind, hear a speaker from one of the organizations at 3 P. M., which will conclude at 4 P. M. The clergy of our Church usually attend in large numbers.

The Purpose

About nineteen years ago a number of church leaders of all denominations and philanthropists in Philadelphia felt that too little was known about the handicaps of the blind. It was decided to hold an educational program each year, not alone to solicit interest and help, but also to demonstrate the marvelous abilities and accomplishments

of blind people as a result of educational processes. Witness, for example, a colored woman who, becoming blind late in life, at the age of 90 learned to read Braille.

How You Can Help

A letter has been sent to each of the Auxiliary Presidents and to the members, asking for donations of money to be sent to the Chairman, Mrs. E. O. Coates, Ithan, Pa. Donations in kind, especially home-made cakes, will be most gratefully received at the auditorium on Episcopal Day. The proceeds from Educational Week are allocated to organizations working with the blind. The total amount raised in 1945 was \$1,116.59. Through the interest and generosity of the many who have contributed in the past, as well as new-found friends, it is hoped that 1946 will exceed former accomplishments.

CANTERBURY TALES - 1946

New Jersey, the state that has the honor of being the first to bombard the moon, now has still another title to fame — the first club of Graveyard Hikers in the United States has been formed within her borders. The men and women who are engaged in this unusual pastime are not, as some would suppose, actuated by any religious purpose such as moved the men of Chaucer's day to visit the tomb of St. Thomas of Canterbury: these pilgrims of 1946 trip on

lighter toes, for their mission is humorous rather than holy. Their object is to seek for quaint or funny inscriptions on tombstones and to copy them as collectors' items.

No doubt with Jersey setting the fashion the rest of the country will soon see bands of curiously-garbed men and women of middle-age descending upon our old churchyards armed to the teeth with pencil and notebook and the inescapable camera, on fire to capture the unconscious humor of the uninhibited among our early American ancestors. We suggest that they first try the yard of Old Trinity, Oxford, for there, not only are many of the oldest tombstones remarkably well preserved, but some are invaluable for the light they throw upon the social and religious life of that colonial community. With a little imagination one can hear the men talking in the tavern and the women gossiping in the kitchen. What a delightful picture of the country parson's controversy with the Quakers and the eternal argument about the Sacraments we get from the boastful inscription describing the merits of the lady who lies beneath a cold, black slate headstone near the church:

*"Dear passer-by, as this you see,
Remember well no Quaker she,
So far was she from Quakerism
That she desired to have Baptism."*

And how low the esteem in which doctors were held when the Rector

and Vestry would allow the sorrowing and spiteful heir of another prominent female to decorate her tomb with a doggerel diatribe describing at length how much she had suffered at the hands of the physicians, and all to no avail!

There are also at Trinity many voices from the tomb. Evidently the dead were conceived of as in a perpetual state of anxiety about the living. Like the rich man in the parable who begged Father Abraham to send a messenger to speak to his brothers on earth, several tombs address warnings to those who visit the cemetery in such cheerful sentiments as this, "Remember, as I am now you soon will be."

In these days when there is such a craze for collecting that one writer says, "You are a collector's item yourself if you are not making a collection of some kind," it is not surprising that New Jersey should organize the first club for collecting tombstone inscriptions. So, on to Old Swedes', Christ Church, St. Peter's, St. David's and all the rest of our ancient shrines! A rich harvest awaits the graveyard hikers.

G. C.

The Standing Committee has ready for distribution copies of "A History of the Capital Funds and Real Property Related to the Episcopate in the Diocese of Pennsylvania." Available through the Rev. Charles H. Long.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Banquet



Left to right — The Rev. Louis A. Haselmayer, Jr., the Rev. William H. Dunphy, the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Henry C. Beck, Harrison Fiddesof, Donald H. Williams, the Rev. William N. Parker.

The picture shows the speakers' table when the Philadelphia Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew met at the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood.

Officers elected at this meeting

were as follows: Honorary President, Bishop Hart; Chaplain, the Rev. William H. Dunphy; President, Henry C. Beck; Vice-President, Roger W. Taylor; Treasurer, J. Howard Pannebecker; Executive

Committee: John P. Goheen, Percival H. Granger, George H. Randall, William E. Selby, James S. Merritt, Jr., Alexander J. Milliette, Edwin T. Scarborough, Edward H. Newall, John Wagner.

A Good Year's Record

Through the co-operation of the Clergy and Treasurers the Diocese of Pennsylvania has met its budget. One hundred and forty churches have given more money than they pledged for their Proportionate Share. We appreciate the effort made by the majority of Treasurers in sending to the Church House one-twelfth of their Missionary money each month.

Ordination

Mr. Donald J. Parsons, a senior at the Philadelphia Divinity School, was ordained Deacon by Bishop Remington on February 2nd in the Church of the Holy Trinity. He was presented by the Rev. John Aubrey Cragg, Rector of All Saints' Church, Crescentville. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Edgar Frank Salmon, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, where Mr. Parsons will serve as curate.

Clerical Changes

The Rev. William Hugh Fryer, formerly a Chaplain in the Army, is Rector of the Church of the Trinity, Coatesville, and Vicar of St. Cyril's Church, Coatesville.

The Rev. John M. Weber, formerly Rector of St. James' Church, Hestonville, is now Rector of St. Luke's Church, Bustleton.

The Rev. Roderic Pierce, formerly Rector of the Church of the Covenant, is now Rector of Trinity Church, Buckingham, and Vicar of St. Philip's Chapel, Newtown.

The Rev. Carroll N. Bates, formerly Chaplain in the Army, has returned as Curate of St. Alban's Church, Olney.

The Rev. R. Norton Smith, Vicar of St. Ambrose Church, has changed his address to 248 South 8th Street, Philadelphia 7.

The Rev. John L. Saunders has resigned as Rector of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, to retire.

The Rev. F. B. Hornby has resigned his charge of St. Luke's, Eddystone, and St. Luke's, Chester, to retire.

Major Charles H. Urban, Chaplain, U. S. A., is now located at the Personnel Center, Camp Beale, California.

Chaplain Menicos N. Menicon is at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

The present address of Captain William R. S. Donaghy, 0511618, 335th Inf. Reg., 2nd Bn., A. P. O. 83, c/o Postmaster, New York City, N. Y.

The Rev. Robert S. Harris, Vicar of Annunciation and St. Christopher, has changed his address to 2112 North 12th Street, Philadelphia 22.

The Rev. Gordon M. Jones has been transferred to the Diocese of Ohio; address, City Mission, Toledo, Ohio.

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ANNIVERSARIES

The Rev. Percy J. Brown is celebrating this year his thirtieth anniversary as Rector of All Saints' Church, Torresdale. He recently presented a class of forty-nine for confirmation.

St. John's Church, Lansdowne, will celebrate its sixty-fifth anniversary this year.

January 27th the forty-ninth anniversary service of the Galilee Mission was held in the Chapel. Those participating in the program included Bishop Remington, Dr. Charles E. Tuke, Dr. Alfred Price, the Rev. John C. Roak and Messrs. C. Roy Wagner and George Woolven. The annual report of the Superintendent, Mr. George W. Wilkins, shows attendance at Chapel, 12,824; Sunday School membership, 330; attendance, 14,730; confessed conversions, 266; meals served, 89,794; lodgings, 27,875; pieces of clothing distrib-

uted, 1,140; employment secured for 560.

St. Paul's Church, Chester, celebrated its 243rd anniversary on January 27th. There was a service of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the late Bishop Taitt, who was Rector of the parish for thirty-six years. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Crosswell McBee, Rector Emeritus of St. David's Church, Radnor.

The Rev. Morris William Derr recently celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood at St. Barnabas' Church, Third and Dauphin Streets, where he has been in charge since June, 1944.

March 3rd marks the eighth anniversary of the Rev. William Hamilton Aulenbach as Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.

Bishop Remington represented our Diocese at the thirty-fifth anniversary of the consecration to the Episcopate of the Rt. Rev. James DeWolf Perry, Diocesan of Rhode Island since 1911. The service was held in St. John's Cathedral, Providence, R. I. Bishop Perry was born in Philadelphia while his father was Rector of Calvary Church, Germantown.

IN THE DIOCESE

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The Rev. William N. Parker, who had previously announced that he would resign as Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, due to the illness of Mrs. Parker, has decided to continue upon urgent request of the Vestry.

In observance of the 60th anniversary of St. Simeon's Church, a parish dinner was held Saturday, February 9th, when the principal speaker was Commander Richard O. Kern, formerly chief of medical service at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. On Sunday evening, February 10th, Bishop Hart preached and administered Confirmation. Following this service a reception for present and former members of the parish was held.

The 80th birthday of Dr. Herbert J. Tily was marked by a party in

his honor in the parish house of St. John's Church, Cynwyd, on February 4th. He was organist of St. John's for more than forty years, and now serves as Senior Warden, Lay Reader and Choirmaster.

The American Church Union, with headquarters at Rosemont, is arranging for meetings of the clergy in various parts of the country to study and discuss the issues now confronting the Church. Philadelphia is mentioned as one of the cities designated for such a meeting early in May.

A silver crucifix which had been in use for many years was recently stolen from All Saints' Altar of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village.

The Rev. Lyman P. Powell died at Morristown, N. J., February 10th, at the age of 80 years. He graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School in 1897, was ordained by Bishop Whitaker, and served in this Diocese at Trinity Church, Ambler, and St. John's Church, Lansdowne. For five years he was President of Hobart College. At the time of his death he was Rector Emeritus of St. Margaret's Church, Bronx, N. Y.

The old Church House, located at 12th and Walnut Streets, which has been occupied by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce since 1921, was recently sold to a new owner.

After six years of service as President of the Altar Guild of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, Mrs. Ralph Herrick has resigned. Mrs. George M. Dallas, III, has been elected as her successor.

Three years after the close of a financial campaign in one of our parishes, one member who was unable to complete payment at the time, is still placing an envelope on the collection plate from time to time to be applied on that old pledge.

Miss Hilda Havens trained for work by the Church Army, has become Parish Visitor of St. James' Church, Kingsessing.

Members of the Y. P. F. have scraped and painted 1,200 feet of iron fence around the church yard at Kingsessing. Besides the volunteer work there was involved a cash outlay of over \$500.

The Women's Guild of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, recently gave a tea to honor Mrs. William P. Remington, wife of the Suffragan Bishop, at the home of Mrs. Paul Banks.

Mr. Robert Lenox, Director of Music in the public schools of the community, has become Choir Director of St. James' Church, Downingtown. Miss Margaret Whitecar has recently been appointed organist.

The editorial, "Perverting Democracy," which appeared in the November issue of THE CHURCH NEWS over the signature of the Rev. Albert O. Judd, Editor, was reprinted in full in *The Southern Churchman* of January 3rd. The same issue of *The Southern Churchman* carried an article by Dr. Thomas S. Gates, President of the University of Pennsylvania, on "The Place of Religion in Education," being an address recently delivered at a special service held at the Washington Cathedral, sponsored by the Church Society for College Work.

Mr. Edgar Criswell, Verger of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, recently showed colored lantern slides of the Cathedral at the Parish House of St. Clement's Church.

The Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, was the preacher at the annual memorial service of the Benjamin Franklin Post of the American Legion in Christ Church on January 13th.

More than fifty parishes and missions in this Diocese have endowment funds which yield interest for parish support. The total amount of these is more than \$8,313,000, yielding about \$366,000, covering more than 20% of parochial expenses.

Mrs. George E. Boswell, wife of the Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, has been confined to the Episcopal Hospital for two months with a broken leg.

The Y. P. F. of St. Augustine's Mission attended a candle light service at St. Thomas' Church, White-marsh, on the afternoon of the Feast of the Epiphany. That same evening the young people of St. Thomas' attended a similar service at St. Augustine's.

The Rev. Walworth Tyng and Mrs. Tyng, of China, who spent some time in this Diocese, have been speaking in the interest of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund in Chicago.

The Boys' Model and Hobby Club of All Saints' Church, Crescentville, have constructed a sturdy coat rack for use on the lower floor of the church building.

Mrs. Mercy Harris has taken over the direction of the Guild sewing work at St. John's Church, Lansdowne.

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The Rev. Leopold Damrosch, of Manila, is temporarily assisting at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont.

The Y. P. F. of St. Matthias Church recently made a visitation to the Fellowship of Calvary, Germantown. The Men's Club of St. Matthias visited the Men's League of St. Mark's, Frankford.

The Rev. George G. Bartlett and the Rev. Nathanael B. Groton form a committee of the Associate Alumni of the Philadelphia Divinity School to raise funds for five bishops who are graduates of the school and who particularly need the encouragement of hearing from their brethren. They are the Rt. Rev. Alfred A. Gillman, of Hankow; the Rt. Rev. Robert F. Wilner, of the Philippines; the Rt. Rev. Philip L. Tsen and the Rt. Rev. Robin T. S. Chen, of China; the Rt. Rev. Pantaleimon C. Papaycoryiou, Metropolitan of Edhessa and Pella, Greece.

The Rev. Russell E. Francis, Episcopal student pastor, recently led a discussion group at Ursinus College on "The Part Christians Can Play in Keeping the Peace."

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- Mar. 17—"God Give Us Righteous Men."

SETTLING A BALANCE

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IN THE INTEREST OF YOUTH

Rectors and Church School officers and teachers of the Episcopal Church in Eastern Delaware County held their Epiphany meeting in St. John the Evangelist's Church, Lansdowne, on Tuesday, January 8th. Dinner was served under the direction of a committee headed by Mrs. Frank Ristine and T. Cassin Davis, Registrar of St. John's Church School. The Rev. Robert Frazier, Rector of St. Giles, Stonehurst, presided at the sessions. Dr. Tuke conducted the devotional service. The speakers of the evening were Miss Joyce L. White, of Collingdale; David Pearson, of Ardmore; Mrs. Robert Frazier, of Stonehurst, and Charles Shotwell, of Lansdowne. They addressed themselves to the subject of "Youth," presenting the subject from the standpoint of adults and then from the standpoint of youth itself. Discussions followed, during which impromptu comments were made by Freas B. Snyder, Superintendent of St. John's Church School, Lansdowne, and others.

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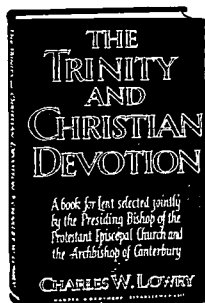
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